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In re Application of :  
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For GRAPPLING ARM ASSEMBLY WITH LATCHING :  
MEANS

**AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Patent Office communication of January 21, 2005, Applicant requests that the above identified application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.